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EO 12356: N/A
 TAGS: CASC (AROAARENA, JON P)
 SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: CASE OF JON PIRMIN
 AROAARENA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 00060

1. SHORT ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED OF LATE IN SEVERAL BUENOS AIRES DAILIES (LA RAZON, LA PRENSA) INVITING THE PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD WITH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE 30 APR 77 ABDUCTION AND DISAPPEARANCE OF USCIT JON PIRMIN AROAARENA AND HIS ARGENTINE GIRLFRIEND, ADRIANA ZORRILLA.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
 U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
 Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny
 Exemption(s):
 Declassify: ☐ In Part ☒ In Full **DECONTOL**
☐ Classify as ☐ Extend as ☐ Downgrade to
 Date ☐ Declassify on ☐ Reason

2. THE CONSUL GENERAL AND CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT RECENTLY VISITED DR. CARLOS OLIVERI, THE JUDGE IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE. OLIVERI REPORTED THAT THE CASE WAS REOPENED IN RESPONSE TO A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FILED BY THE AROAARENA FAMILY IN MAY 83 NAD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE CASE ON 19 SEP 83. HE WAS UNAWARE OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE EMBASSY, VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO THE GCA REGARDING THIS CASE (SEE REFTTEL). OLIVERI GAVE CONCFES EVIDENCE OF A GENUINE INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH THE EMBASSY ON THE AROAARENA CASE, INDICATING HE WOULD PERMIT US TO SHARE IN INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS HE WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE A PRELIMINARY REVIEW.

3. OLIVERI REMARKED THAT THE AROAARENA FAMILY HAD BEEN FORCED TO PAY A SUBSTANTIAL SUM OF MONEY TO JON PIRMIN'S CAPTORS AT SOME UNSPECIFIED TIME AFTER HIS ABDUCTION IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION AND SOME INDICATION OF HIS WELL-BEING. JON PIRMIN'S FATHER, RAMON IGNACIO AROAARENA, HAS PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT ANOTHER SON WAS TAKEN, BLINDFOLDED, BY UNIDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS TO AN EQUALLY UNIDENTIFIABLE LOCATION WHERE HE HEARD A VOICE HE RECOGNIZED AS THAT OF JON PIRMIN. THIS LATTER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE APPROXIMATELY

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SIX MONTHS AFTER THE ABDUCTION.

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4. THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH JUDGE OLIVERI AND REPORT ANY NEW INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE.

5. THIS TELEGRAM WAS CLASSIFIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BECAUSE OF THE PRIVILEGED NATURE OF INFORMATION FROM JUDGE OLIVERI.

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